

# NEW YORK FANS WAIL

Gotham's Three Baseball Teams Not Playing Up to Earlier Form.

BROOKLYNS' BAD SHOWING.

Patsy Donovan's Superbas Have Been Putting Up Poor Fielding and Bunting—McGraw on the Lookout For Pitchers.

Greater New York baseball enthusiasts are in a gloomy mood over the poor exhibitions of their three teams, Yankees, Giants and Superbas. All have disappointed their admirers at this early stage of the campaign. For a time each team played grandly, and the races still have until Oct. 6 to run; but just now do not recall these facts, but consider only the startling condition of affairs now current—that all three clubs are putting up a poor article of ball.

If the three teams continue to play the brand of ball they have been exhibiting for the past few weeks there will be absolutely no hope of a silver lining to the cloud of gloom. But enthusiasts know that all three representatives of Pop Knickerbocker will perk up and hand back some of these exasperating defeats recently heaped on the teams by ungallant hostiles. There may be a reconstruction of the combinations in the perking up process, for Managers Griffith, McGraw and Donovan are just as bitterly disappointed as the enthusiasts over the failure of their clubs and owe it to the fans, themselves and their jobs to make necessary changes.

These leaders know wherein their charges have failed better than the keen observer, the caustic critic and the general populace.

McGraw has a problem on his hands to pull his shattered forces together and to get more pitchers. If he is expecting to make a deal with St. Louis he will be disappointed, for Stanley Robinson, president of the Cardinals, says no National league team can get a twirler from him except Cincinnati. Stanley is bitter on the community of interests idea and relates with a touch of tobacco his experience in trying to get good men, who were decorating the bench, from the clubs owning them. "The owners of these clubs," says Stanley, "never helped me out when I was short handed, and now they can go hang if they think I am going to be relieved of any of my pitchers, who are the best in the country. The only magnate who ever helped me out with talent was Garry Herrmann, and he is the only owner I

will make any deals with." So McGraw will have to look elsewhere for twirling talent than to the fair Mound City.

The New York Americans have pitchers galore and are well supplied with relief talent, too, but the fans think that Manager Griffith hasn't put some of his regulars in their proper pegs. At least they think so now, but they didn't have this impression when the team was winning games with great regularity. The men in question who are wrongly placed, according to the general idea, are Jake Stahl and Harry Niles. Jake hasn't played good ball in the outfield and now has to his discredit the loss of more games than he has won by his long and timely hitting. Niles plays second all right when Elberfeld is alongside of him, but makes a poor stab of the job when the kid is absent. Ball did the best he could in Norman's absence, and, while he made many errors, these misplays shouldn't have unsettled the team. There is too much veteran talent in it to blow up in "All-of-a-Sudden-Peggy" fashion.

The Brooklyn team is suffering from a lack of twirlers and hitters. They ought to have the last named commodity with Jordan and Lumley in the lineup, but Tim's biffing has fallen off greatly since the early weeks of the running, and Harry, while he has made a few long drives, isn't the Lumley of old. According to the Brooklyn viewpoint, Pat Donovan made a mistake when he took Burch out of Lumley's place in right after the Superbas had trimmed the Giants three straight at the Polo grounds late in April. There is a large delegation in Brooklyn which thinks Burch in his present form is a better man than Lumley. This is indeed a year for the shattering of idols, Lumley, once beloved in Brooklyn, being a candidate for the bench and a favorite mark for pitchers and "Wee Willie" Keeler, popular everywhere, twice being guilty of ossified headed base running in one game and dropping an easy fly with the bases filled in the same encounter.

If Managers Griffith, McGraw and Donovan and the vast army of metropolitan fans are puzzled and aghast at the recent turn in the tide, what must be the feelings of the owners of the clubs? Presidents Farrell, Brush and Ebbets are the men who pay the freight, and they all have spent money liberally to get together winning combinations. The investment of Frank Farrell last winter was the costliest of the trio, and the New York Americans' payroll probably is the largest in the country. The New York Nationals are well paid, and so are the Brooklyn, but the players of the three teams are not now earning their salaries, much to general regret. The hope of all loyal fans is that the three clubs will brace up, and brace immediately.

## ED SEIVER LACKS LUCK.

Pitches Well, but Unable to Win Majority of His Games.

Although Ed Seiver of the Detroit Americans has won only three out of the first eight games pitched this season, the big south paw has been pitch-



PITCHER ED SEIVER OF THE DETROIT AMERICANS.

ing first class ball, but, owing to hard luck, seems to be unable to win a majority of his games.

Seiver seems to have the Indian sign on the Chicago White Sox this season. Manager Jennings gets away with the Sox by working Killian and Seiver as much as possible against Fielder Jones' aggregation. This is one club in the league against which he seems to be invincible.

Cornell Track Men Elect French. Charles M. French, who finished second in the half mile at the intercollegiate track meet at Ithaca, N. Y., recently, has been unanimously elected captain of the Cornell track team for 1908. French is from Worcester, Mass., and was a member of Cornell's champion two mile relay team last winter.

## OLYMPIC TEAM READY

American Athletes in Good Shape For Great London Events.

RECORD BREAKERS ON LIST.

Selections Make Up the Most Remarkable Group of Athletes Ever Brought Together Under One Emblem—To Sail June 27.

Uncle Sam has selected the seventy-six athletes whose brain, brawn and speed are depended upon to keep the stars and stripes afloat in the Olympic games in London next month. Considering their caliber, half that number would have been sufficient to capture, crate and ship to America the lion's share of the events, but with characteristic generosity the old gentleman with the goatee threw in a second set for good measure.

With one or two exceptions the last American team to cross the pond in search of the world's athletic supremacy swept the board clean, but this year's galaxy of stars was selected with a view of sweeping the board and bringing it back with them. The wholesale foreign invasion was planned not in a boasting manner, but to convince other contenders that the United States was not depending on any one man in any event, but had several men who could be relied upon to show their heels to the best that other nations could produce.

North, south, east and west have contributed to the outfit, and no hamlet was too small to be overlooked when the selection of team committee was going through the records of athletic tryouts of the past few months. Every man of the select seventy-six is trained to the hour and will be kept in perfect condition until the team sails away on June 27. The fifty-eight substitutes, many of whom just fell short of the charmed circle, are not to be slighted in the calculations.

This is the greatest aggregation of athletes that has ever invaded another country in any time that history has record. Taken as a whole, its combined athletic strength is remarkable when one considers that the field and cinder path sport in this country is still in its infancy as compared with the European nations with which it will compete. Its cosmopolitan make-up is best shown by the fact that among the candidates are two full blooded Indians and two negroes. The former are Frank Mount Pleasant and Louis Texadina of the Carlisle Indian school and the latter J. B. Taylor of the University of Pennsylvania and F.

Le Roy Holmes of the Chicago university.

New York city is sending twenty-seven athletes. Brooklyn will have one representative, Newark two, Brookline, Mass., one; St. Louis two, Chicago twelve, Boston three, San Francisco one and Portland, Ore., one. There will be twenty-six collegians on the team, assembled from colleges and universities in all parts of the country.

World's record holders that America will unload on John Bull are Sheppard, Gilbert, Dray, Sheridan, Ewry, Dearborn, McGrath, Bacon, Smithson and Daniels. The intense rivalry among American athletic clubs which has made possible the development of such a superb team will be forgotten the minute the boys board the ship for the other side. From that time on it will simply be a case of how to outdistance, outjump and outburl the athletes of the old world.

The official makeup of the Olympic team is as follows:

- One hundred meters—Cartmell, U. of P.; Rector, U. of V.; Robertson, I. A. A. C.; Huff, Grinnell college; May, Illinois college.
- One hundred and ten meters, hurdle—Shaw, Dartmouth; Smithson, California; Garrels, Michigan.
- Eight hundred meters—Sheppard, I. A. A. C.; Lightbody, Chicago; Bromlow, I. A. A. C.; Raimy, Chicago; French, Cornell.
- Two hundred meters—Same men as the 100 meters.
- Four hundred meters, hurdle—Hillman, N. Y. A. C.; Bacon, I. A. A. C.; Mulligan, Aquinas A. C., Philadelphia.
- Fifteen hundred meters—Halstead, Cornell; Sullivan, I. A. A. C.; Lightbody, Chicago; Coo and Rowe, Michigan.
- Four hundred meters—Taylor, U. of P.; Carpenter, Cornell; Atlee, Princeton; Prout, Boston, A. A.
- Five miles—Bollars, N. Y. A. C.; Bonhag, I. A. A. C.; Truba, Cornell.
- Pole vault—Gilbert, Dray, Yale; Cooke, Cornell; Ballah, Stanford university.
- Shot—Coe, Boston A. A.; Ross, Olympic club; Garrels, Michigan.
- Running high jump—Porter, I. A. A. C.; Moffit, U. of P.; Gidney, Boston A. A.; Patterson, Chicago.
- Standing high and standing broad jump—Ewry, N. Y. A. C.; Biller, Brooklyn Y. M. C. A.
- Discus, free and Greek style—Dearborn, N. Y. A. C.; Sheridan, I. A. A. C.; Talbott, Cornell.
- Running broad jump—Cooke, Cornell; O'Connell, N. Y. A. C.; Kelly, I. A. A. C.; Hammer—Flanagan, I. A. A. C.; McGrath, N. Y. A. C.; Talbott, Cornell.
- Hop, step and jump—Platt, Adams and O'Connell, N. Y. A. C.
- Javelin—Adams, N. Y. A. C.; Sheridan, I. A. A. C.
- Swimming—Goodwin and Daniels, N. Y. A. C.; Green, Brookline Swimming club.
- Marathon run—Morrissey, Mercury A. C.; Hatch, Chicago A. A.; Hayes, I. A. A. C.

"Germany" Schaefer.

"Germany" Schaefer of the Detroit Americans is there with the goods when it comes to showing as an all around player. The Dutchman went twenty-five games at second without a misplay, and then they moved him to short. He starred in that position. Recently he went to third and did the

same thing. "Schaefer is a remarkable ball player," says Jennings. "When he can go to three positions on the field and play them the way he has done it stamps him as one of the great players of the game."

## HUMMELL, ALL AROUND STAR.

Has Done Everything but Catch Since He Joined Brooklyn Team.

"Silent John" Hummell, who is on the payroll of the Brooklyn National league club, has only to catch a game now and he will go down in the baseball book as having played every position on the diamond.

Three years ago a message came to the Brooklyn grounds that there was a pretty good ball player up in Holyoke, and the Brooklyn club got him. In his three years he has moved into the front rank of utility men. He does all his work in a cool, unassuming way. He has nothing to say on or off the field, but what he does with the ball while the game is on is what makes "Silent John" class with the best of all around players.

Just now Hummell is going at a fast clip. He was always a good hitter and is in the .300 class at present. It doesn't make any difference where Patsy Donovan sends him, he never says a word. He picks up his glove and makes good wherever he is assigned. It looks as if Holyoke will never see him again and no other minor league club for some time. Hummell has gathered them up in every position in the outfield and has filled in all around the infield. He went in and pitched a game two years ago in the latter part of the season, and, as said before, he is waiting for a chance to go in and catch a game.

Old Honus Better Than Ever.

Hans Wagner was worth any fancy salary that Barney Dreyfuss had to offer to induce him to return to the game. Never has the big Teuton butted or fielded better than this season.

Criss a Good Pinch Hitter.

Dode Criss of the St. Louis Browns is a reliable man in pinches. Most of his hits have been made when he was sent to the plate to club for another.

Women of Diplomacy.

Almost all the celebrated women have gained their fame by diplomatic means. The famous women of Jewish history were all subtle in their methods—Rebecca, Jael and Herodias, to name but a few of them. What born diplomatists, too, were Catherine of Siena, the great saint, and Catherine de' Medici, the great sinner! The list of them down the ages is unending.—Woman's Life.



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